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SUBJECT: TRADE MINISTER INTENT ON EXPANDING US-EGYPT TRADE TIES REF: A. CAIRO 1522 B. CAIRO 1550 Classified By: Ambassador Margaret Scobey for r

1. (C) Key Points: -- Minister of Trade and Industry (MOTI) Rachid Mohamed Rachid is engaging the USG on several fronts in an effort to deeper
2. (SBU) In the latest in a series of trade-related events featured prominently in the local press, Minister of Trade and Industry (MOTI) Rach
3. (SBU) Rachid in late August wrote separately to Secretary Locke and USTR Kirk advising both of his plans to travel to Washington, DC in ear
4. (SBU) In an August 23 letter to USTR Kirk, Rachid expressed his appreciation for USTR's designation of Al Minya and Beni Sueif in Upper Egy
5. (SBU) In a letter received August 31, Rachid requested Ambassador's support in expediting USTR-MOTI agreement on a work plan intended to fi
6. (C) Rachid has been tenacious in advancing an expanded trade relationship with the US but may not be fully informed on the status of some i